



## **Community Appearance Commission**

### **Minutes**

**April 4, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, in the Council Chamber, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Greta Connor, Diane Gibbs, Barbara Lawther, Chad Morgan, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson, Johnny Safrit, Bill Safrit and Tom Wolpert

Absent: Cindee Bridges and Suzette Davis

Staff: Lynn Raker and Diana Moghrabi

Barbara Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the March 7 meeting were approved as submitted. The Financial Report was accepted as submitted.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Neighborhoods & Education Committee**

Greta Connor chaired a meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance March 29, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber. A written report of said meeting was distributed to the Commission members and summarized by Mrs. Connor.

Barbara Perry has made an appointment with Councilman Mark Lewis for April 17, at 12 p.m. to discuss suggestions he would offer the CAC about the deteriorated housing concerns presented to City Council. Greta believes that it would be appropriate to let the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NLA) know what their findings are concerning the deteriorated housing survey and recommendations of the NLA subcommittee to City Council.

The North Main Street Small Area Plan draft was presented April 2 to the residents of that area. Several suggestions from the NLA subcommittee were included in this presentation (establishing a housing commission citywide and a need for certificates of occupancy citywide.) Council has allocated funds for an impact project on North Main Street. Residents said medians and trees would be nice, but there are deeper problems regarding housing conditions and safety issues.

The Land Development Ordinance rewrite is taking much longer than anyone ever imagined. This is the reason for the delay in the "no front yard parking" ordinance that is to be included in the new Code.

Jeff Youngblood said the Fire Department has been training more employees to make inspections. The Fire Department picked up on some of the committee's pleas for improvements and he reported that they have started making some positive changes.

The committee may not have received immediate results, but a case is certainly being built to support the findings and recommendations of the subcommittee.

The Park Avenue Neighborhood signs will be delivered soon. The sign ordinance does not allow a neighborhood entrance sign to be over 6 feet tall; some adjustment will need to be made to the sign. Lynn will look into a text amendment, also.

### **Art in Public Places**

The "Integration" marker dedication for the History and Art Trail was held March 27 with a reception afterward at the Plaza. The Mayor's Spirit Luncheon the same day honored the sit-in protest against segregation by Livingstone students which took place at the theater site in the 1960s and helped the city move forward in desegregation efforts.

There will be another dedication April 26; Elizabeth Maxwell Steel and John Steele. The Elizabeth Maxwell Steele Chapter of the DAR will host a luncheon (Rowan Museum Messenger Room) and take part in the dedication ceremony with the Public Art Committee. Ed Clement has been invited to speak about John Steele and Susan Waller is invited to speak about Elizabeth Maxwell Steel. The markers will be in front of the old Main Street Drug Store.

"Banking on Bank Street" is nearly ready and will be displayed on a granite marker at the location of the present day Farmers' Market. The infamous "Otto Wood" will be installed with little fanfare, since he was a notorious criminal

### **Landscaping**

- The Landscape Committee will meet April 25 at lunch. Members of the committee are asked to RSVP for lunch and all members are asked to submit their nominations for "Landscape of the Month" to the secretary.
- Chapman Signs has set delivery of the new "Landscape of the Month" signs for next week. They are made of redwood.
- Lynn Raker nominated a residence on Henderson Street for "Landscape of the Month." Chad Morgan nominated a doctor's office. Greta Connor suggested taking a look at recently annexed areas.
- There will be a symphony sponsored garden tour at the end of this month.
- Johnny Safrit revived a previous discussion about recognizing improved property. Chad suggested recognition for the "Bill's Bakery" renovation.
- Spencer has a Community Appearance Award sign that gets displayed in windows.

**Municipal Service District (MSD) and Innes Street Improvement Grants (ISG)**

The projects are all moving along except for the old Social Security Building. Johnny Safrit will call Clay Lindsay to see if he would like to reapply for the next grant cycle so funds can be released to other worthy projects.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- The black fencing (not hog wire) will be installed at the I-85 interchange on E. Innes Street at the end of the month; an encroachment agreement has been met.
- A landscape easement is being worked out with Firestone; they require a legal description so Lynn will hire a surveyor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

City Council has reappointed Barbara Perry, Greta Connor, and Bill Safrit to the CAC for another term. Johnny Safrit made a MOTION to leave Barbara Perry as Chair and Sara Robinson as Vice Chair of the CAC for 2007-2008. Barbara Lawther seconded the motion with all members voting AYE.

Barbara Perry complimented the Commission for their work together. There is so much going on it will be good to see some of the current projects completed before bringing in new members.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next regular CAC meeting will be May 2, 2007.

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